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For SUBSTITUTED POLYCYCLIC ARYL AND HETEROARYL PYRIDONES
USEFUL FOR SELECTIVE INHIBITION OF THE COAGULATION CASCADE

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AMENDMENT A AND RESPONSE

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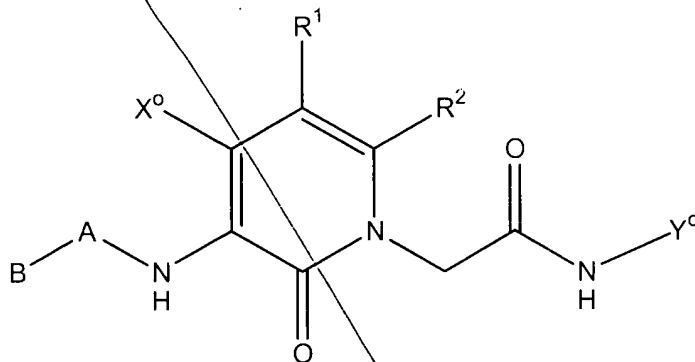
In response to the Office action mailed January 29, 2002, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8, 45, and 58.

Please substitute the following for claim 17:

17. (once amended) A compound having the Formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein;

B is selected from the group consisting of hydrido, C2-C8 alkyl, C3-C8 alkenyl, C3-C8 alkynyl, and C2-C8 haloalkyl, wherein each member of group B is optionally substituted at any carbon up to and including 6 atoms from the point of attachment of B to A with one or more of the group consisting of R³², R³³, R³⁴, R³⁵, and R³⁶;